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RGM-79FC
ストライカー・カスタム
STRIKER CUSTOM

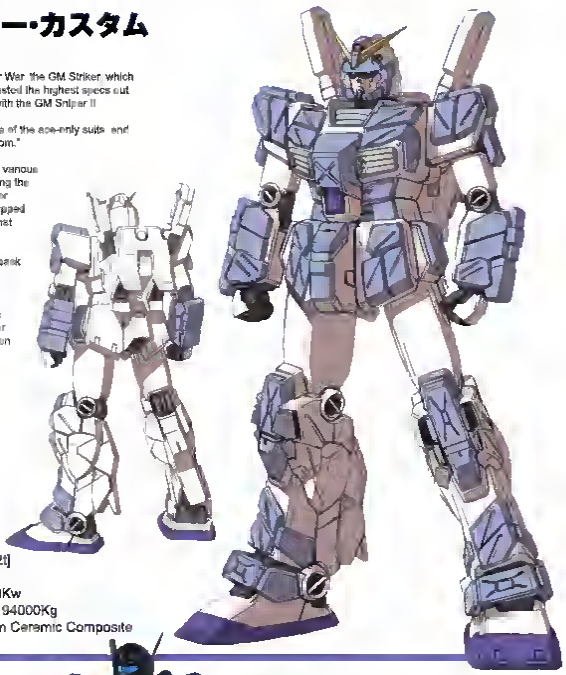
Near the end of the One Year War, the GM Striker, which was meant for ace pilots, boasted the highest specs out of the RGM series together with the GM Sniper II.

This Gundam-based MS is one of the ace-only suits, and is known as the "Striker Custom."

Using the data acquired from various units, the Nemesis Corps being the first, this MS was optimized for melee combat. Also, it is equipped with original new weaponry that utilizes Zeon technology.

Further, the new modal backpack is made to accommodate the aforementioned equipment.

On the other hand, as can be seen from the wearable armor covering the body, coordination with other units is even more of a must.



Specs
Total Height / 18.0m
Body Weight / 52.2t[45.2t]
Max Weight / 76.3t
Generator Output / 1380Kw
Combined Total Thrust / 94000Kg
Armor Material / Titanium Ceramic Composite

Specs
Total Height / 18.0m
Body Weight / 50.2t[44.1t]
Max Weight / 76.3t
Generator Output / 1250Kw
Combined Total Thrust / 92000Kg
Armor Material/Titanium Ceramic Composite

Armaments
100mm Machine Gun
Grab Shield
Spike Shield
Twin Beam Spear
Beam Saber
Head Vulcans

RGM-79FP
ジム・ストライカー
GM STRIKER

This is one of the main force melee units developed for aces by the Federation near the end of the One Year War.

After the land-use GM, subsequent models kept improving the armor. This unit furthered the trend with the formidable wearable armor covering the body.

The loss of mobility that comes with heavier armor is compensated for with the leg thrusters, giving this unit unparalleled explosive thrust.

Further, the Twin Beam Spear, having the same reach of the earlier Beam Javelin, has an attack range that could keep Zeon MS, which were superior in close combat, from getting too close.

The most famous of these units was the upgraded model tested in the Nemesis Corps. This unit was also deployed in the attack on Calfornia Base and other operations.

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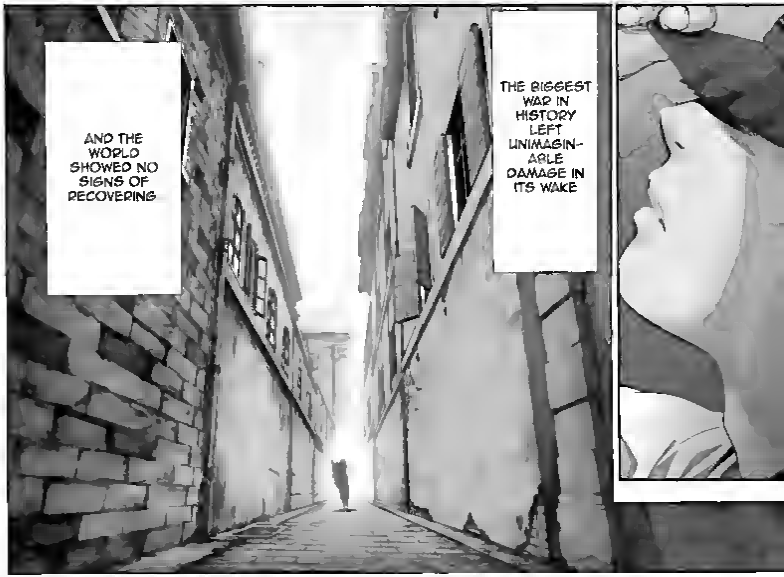
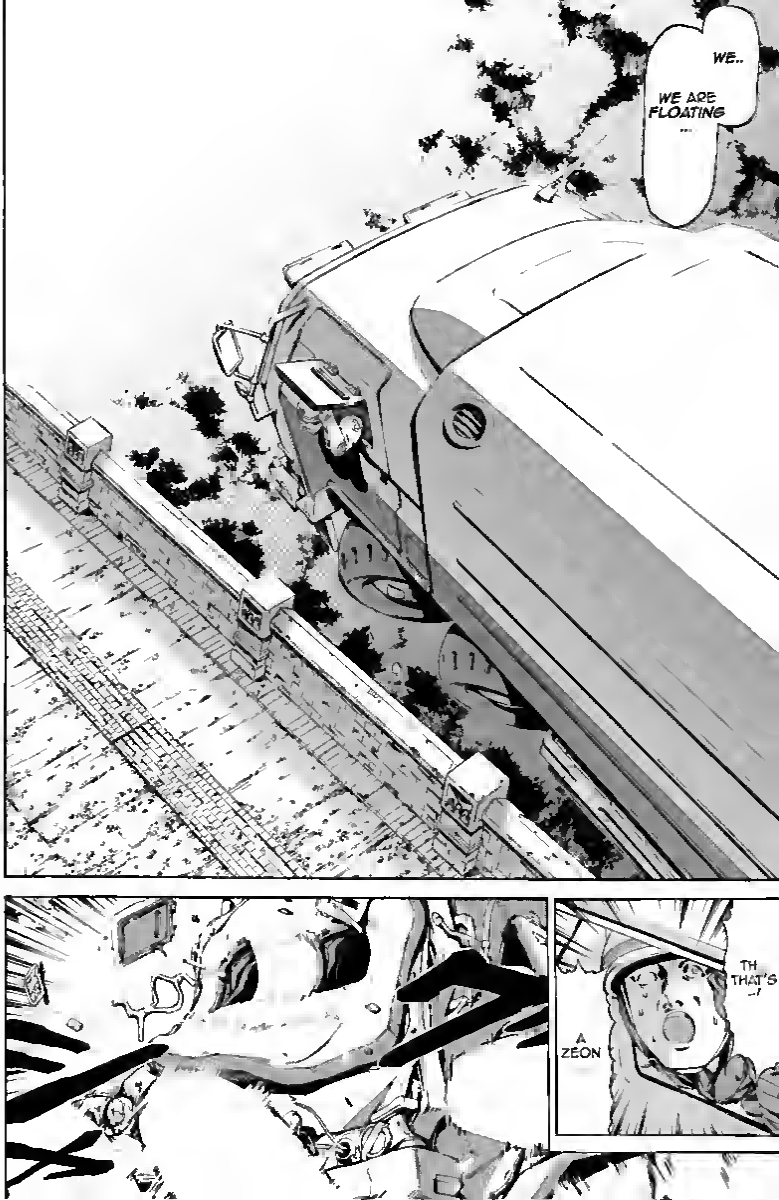
IT IS U.C.0084, FOUR YEARS SINCE THE END OF THE ONE YEAR WAR.


AND THE WORLD SHOWED NO SIGNS OF RECOVERING
THE BIGGEST WAR IN HISTORY LEFT UNIMAGIN-ABLE DAMAGE IN ITS WAKE

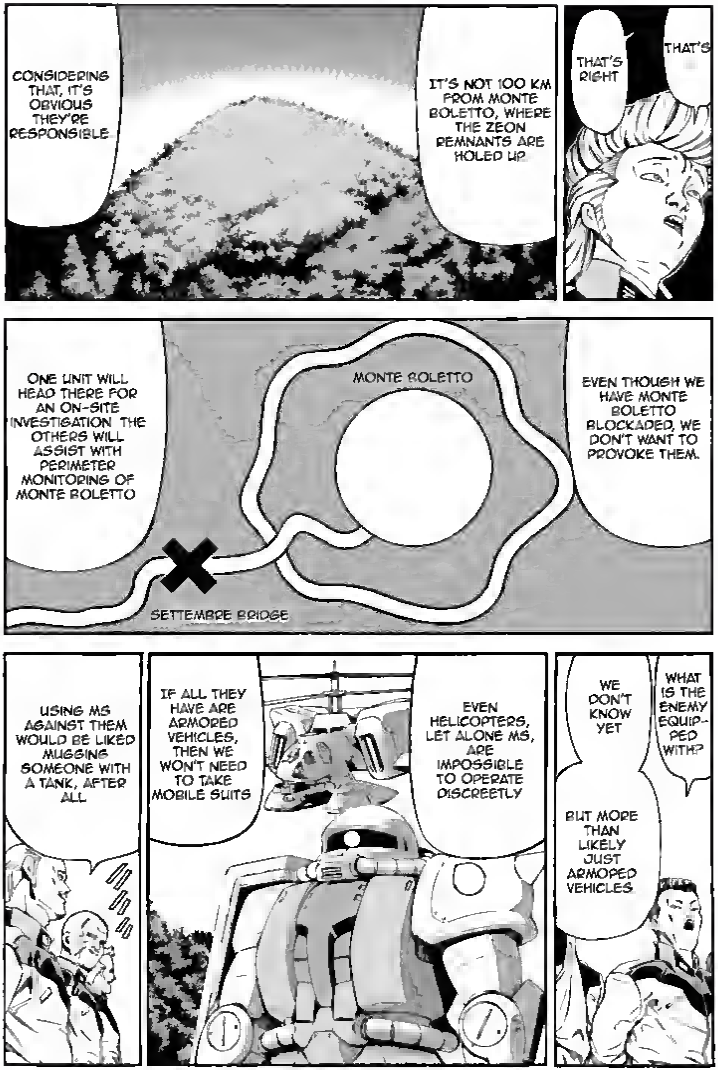
CITIES WERE TEEMING WITH DEMOB-ILIZED SOLDIERS
THE ECONOMY KEPT SPIRALING DOWNWARD AND EVENTUALLY, A STORM OF LAYOFFS DECIMATED EVEN THE MILITARY

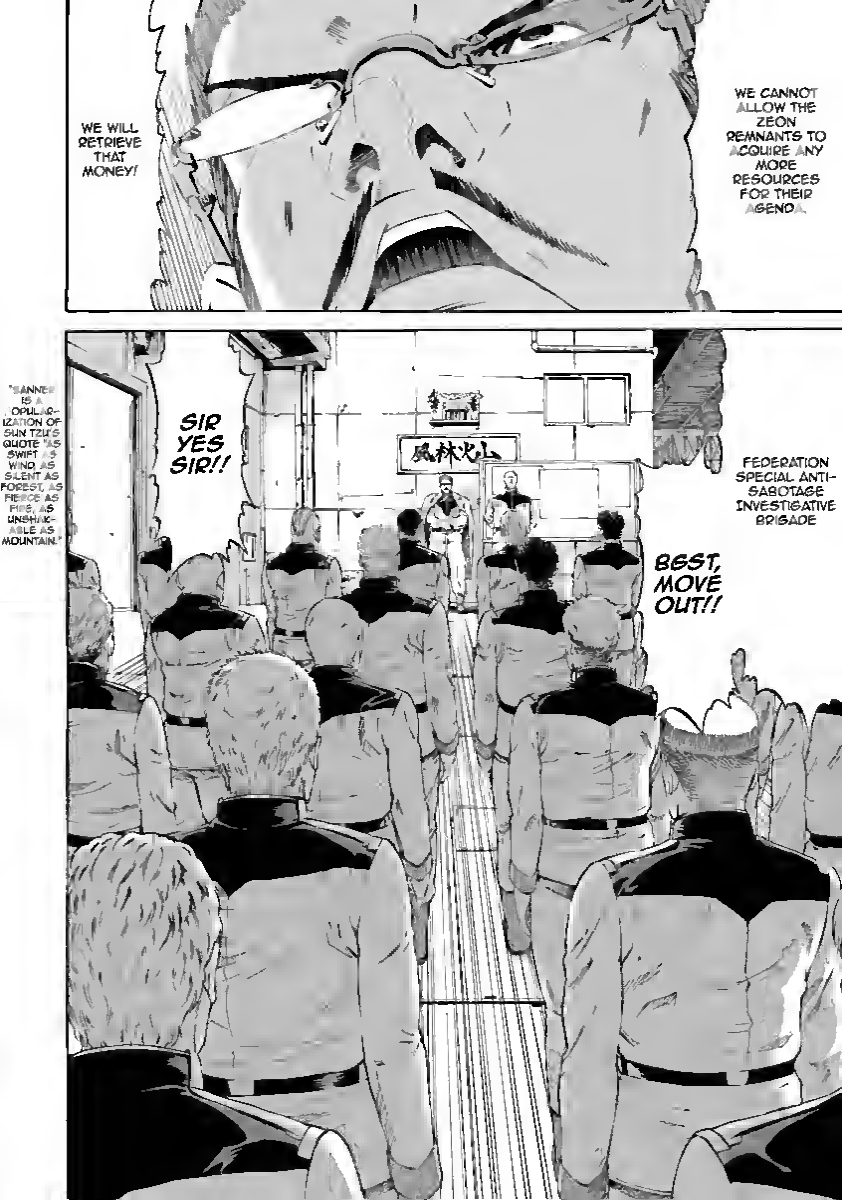
AND ECONOMIC DISPARITY ONLY GREW LARGER.
OUTSKIRTS OF MILANO, SETTEMBRE BRIDGE
NOPE.
NOTHING TO REPORT, HUH.
WOULDN'T SURPRISE ME IF SOMEONE COMES AFTER IT
STILL, WE'RE CARRYING TEN MILLION DOLLARS
SFX: RATTLE RATTLE
WHA
SFX: SUDDEN JERK
NAAH, I MEANT ME.
SOMEONE LIKE ME, YA MEAN.
KINDA, YEAH...
A FLOATY FEELING...
DO YOU FEEL ANYTHING STRANGE?
HM-M?
WHAT WAS THAT?
HA HA HA

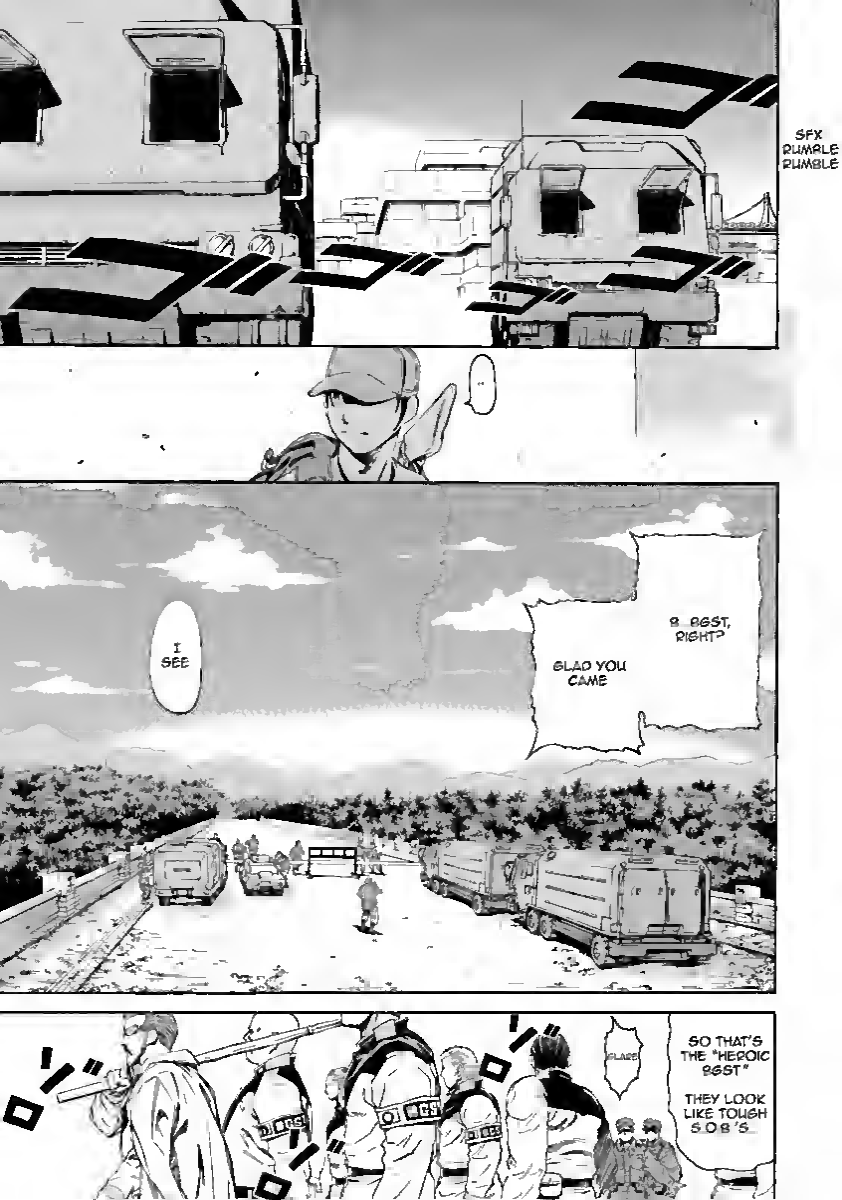

WE..
WE ARE FLOATING ...
SFX SMASH
TH THAT'S ...!
A ZEON

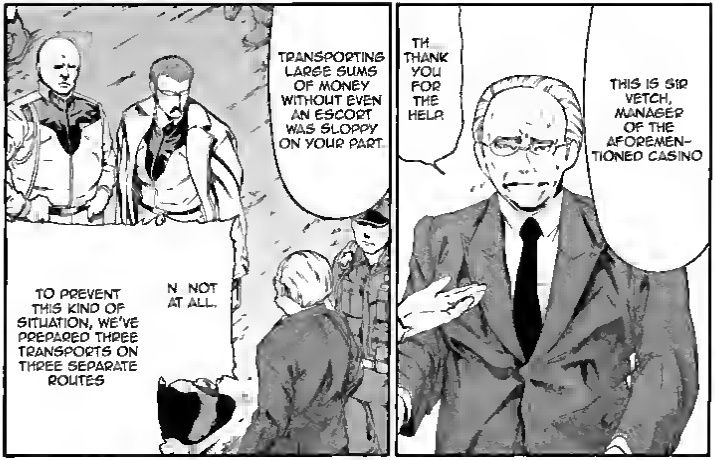
REPORTS OF A ZEON REMNANT ATTACK AT SETTEMBRE BRIDGE!
TRANS-MISSION FROM THE CIVVY POLICE!
SFX: KLAXON
WE'RE GOING OUT!
BEST FIRST SQUAD TO THE HANGAR ON THE DOUBLE!
I REPEAT!
SFX: RUN-NING
HURRY UP, YOU LITTLE WEASEL
MY "KATANA" WAS, Y'KNOW
MY BAD, MY BAD!
I'M SORRY! COMING OUT NOW
YOU STILL TAKIN' A SHIT, YASKOVIC?!
WE'RE MOVIN' OUT!
SFX: KICK

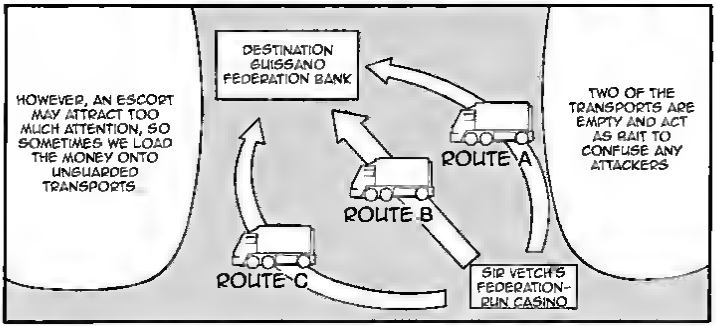
THAT'S ALL OF HIS VICE CHIEF MENGEL
MY BAD!!
YOU'RE LATE!!
JUDGING BY THE LAST TRANSMISSION, THE CIVVY POLICE BELIEVE THIS TO BE A ZEON ATTACK
A TRANSPORT CARRYING MONEY FROM A FEDERATION CASINO HAS BEEN ATTACKED BY SOMEONE
WE, THE SPECIAL ANTI-SABOTAGE INVESTIGATIVE BRIGADE BEST (BARGHEST) HAVE BEEN ASKED TO CARRY OUT A SEARCH-AND-DESTROY
THE SITE IS THIS BRIDGE

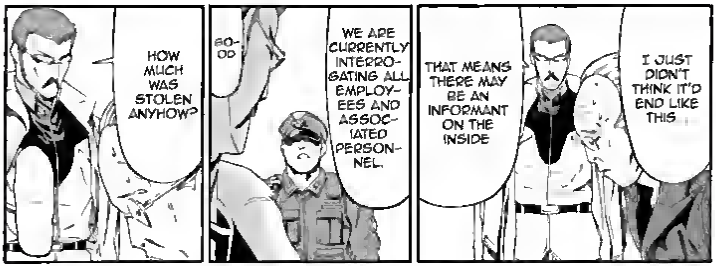

CONSIDERING THAT, IT'S OBVIOUS THEY'RE RESPONSIBLE
IT'S NOT 100 KM FROM MONTE BOLETTO, WHERE THE ZEON REMNANTS ARE HOLED UP.
THAT'S RIGHT
THAT'S
ONE UNIT WILL HEAD THERE FOR AN ON-SITE INVESTIGATION. THE OTHERS WILL ASSIST WITH PERIMETER MONITORING OF MONTE BOLETTO
MONTE BOLETTO
EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE MONTE BOLETTO BLOCKADED, WE DON'T WANT TO PROVOKE THEM.
SETTEMBRE BRIDGE
USING MS AGAINST THEM WOULD BE LIKED MUGGING SOMEONE WITH A TANK, AFTER ALL
IF ALL THEY HAVE ARE ARMORED VEHICLES, THEN WE WON'T NEED TO TAKE MOBILE SUITS
EVEN HELICOPTERS, LET ALONE MS, ARE IMPOSSIBLE TO OPERATE DISCREETLY
WE DON'T KNOW YET
WHAT IS THE ENEMY EQUIP-PED WITH?
BUT MORE THAN LIKELY JUST ARMOPED VEHICLES


WE WILL RETRIEVE THAT MONEY!
WE CANNOT ALLOW THE ZEON REMNANTS TO ACQUIRE ANY MORE RESOURCES FOR THEIR AGENDA.
"SANNEN" IS A POPULARIZATION OF SUN TZU'S QUOTE "AS SWIFT AS WIND, AS SILENT AS FOREST, AS FIERCE AS FIRE, AS UNSHAKABLE AS MOUNTAIN."
SIR YES SIR!!
風林火山
FEDERATION SPECIAL ANTI-SABOTAGE INVESTIGATIVE BRIGADE
BEST, MOVE OUT!!


SFX
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
...
I SEE
GLAD YOU CAME
B. BGST, RIGHT?
FLASH
SO THAT'S THE "HEROIC BGST"
THEY LOOK LIKE TOUGH S.O.B.'S.


TRANSPORTING LARGE SUMS OF MONEY WITHOUT EVEN AN ESCORT WAS SLOPPY ON YOUR PART.
N NOT AT ALL.
TO PREVENT THIS KIND OF SITUATION, WE'VE PREPARED THREE TRANSPORTS ON THREE SEPARATE ROUTES
TH THANK YOU FOR THE HELP.
THIS IS SIR VETCH, MANAGER OF THE AFOREMENTIONED CASINO

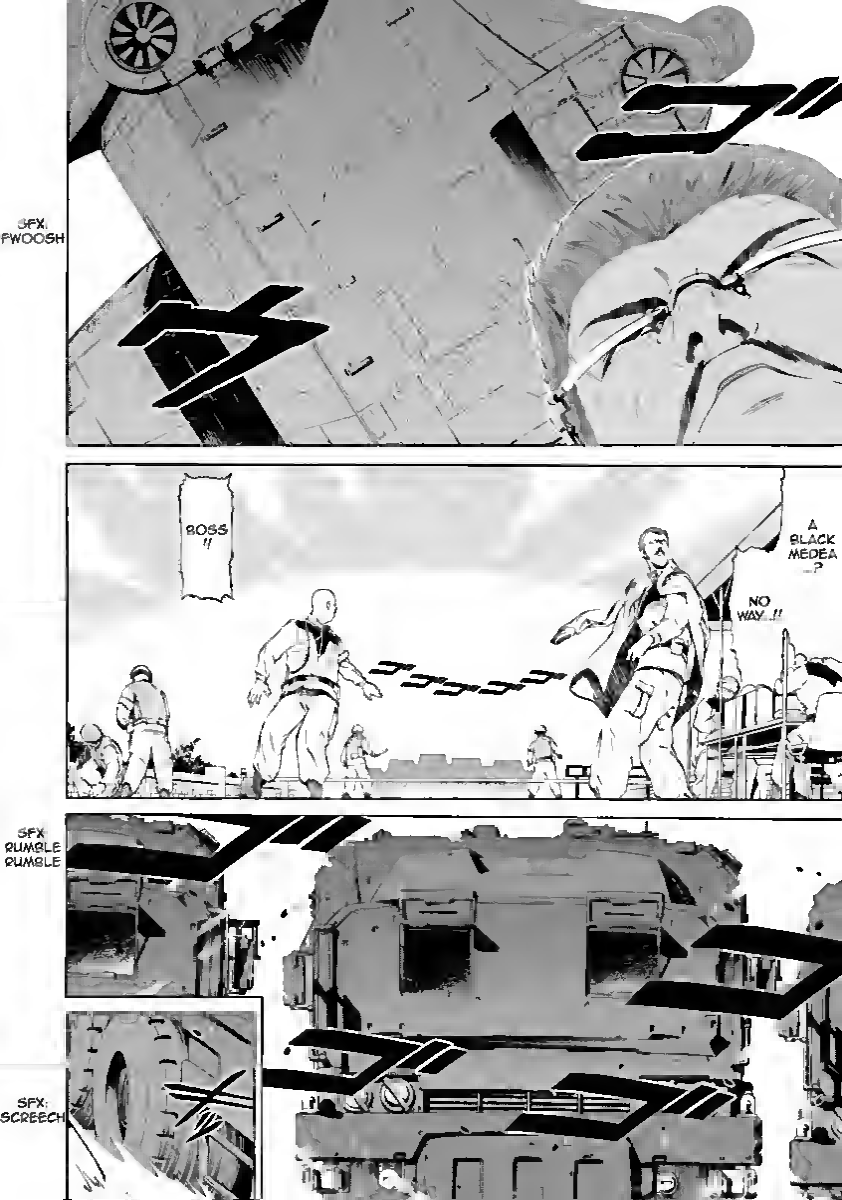

HOWEVER, AN ESCORT MAY ATTRACT TOO MUCH ATTENTION, SO SOMETIMES WE LOAD THE MONEY ONTO UNGUARDED TRANSPORTS
DESTINATION SWISSANO FEDERATION BANK
ROUTE A
ROUTE B
ROUTE C
SIR VETCH'S FEDERATION-RUN CASINO
TWO OF THE TRANSPORTS ARE EMPTY AND ACT AS BAIT TO CONFUSE ANY ATTACKERS


HOW MUCH WAS STOLEN ANYHOW?
GO-OD
WE ARE CURRENTLY INTERRO-GATING ALL EMPLOY-EES AND ASSOC-IATED PERSON-NEL.
THAT MEANS THERE MAY BE AN INFORMANT ON THE INSIDE
I JUST DIDN'T THINK IT'D END LIKE THIS

THEY'RE GETTING RICH WHILE WE IN THE ARMY ARE GETTING DOWN-SIZED.
AREN'T YOU FIRST ON THE CHOPPING BLOCK?
GOD DAMN, THAT'S AN ASS-TON
10 MILLION !?
10 MILLION DOLLARS
NOT TAKING THEM OUT THIS TIME
BY THE WAY... WHERE ARE YOUR MS?
THERE ARE NO SIGNS THE VEHICLE WENT BACK
SO THAT ONLY LEAVES
HM?
IF THEY WENT TO THE CITY INSTEAD OF STRAIGHT TO MONTE ROLETTO, THAT'D BE TROUBLE-SOME
THE PROBLEM IS WHERE THEY'VE RAN TO
DARN TOOT-IN'!
YOU YOU SURE ABOUT THAT?
AT THIS RATE, EVEN PILOTS ARE GONNA GET SACKED.
NOT US TOO!

!
THE HELL'RE YOU DOING?!
WHO ARE YOU? GET BACK UP HERE!

WOW~ THIS PLACE, IT'S REALLY HIGH UP~
ABOUT 10 TO 15 METERS, DON'T YOU THINK~?
MY LEGS WERE REALLY SHAKING
WHAT? A CIVILIAN?
WHAT?
WHAT IN TARNATION IS A KID DOING HERE!
GET 'IM OUTTA HERE!!
YOU LITTLE-
I'M SO SORRY
HOW MANY TIMES DO I GOTTA TELL YOU?! THIS PLACE IS OFF LIMITS!
I, WELL
HU BUT-
ALRIGHT! SCRAM!
SFX FWOOSH
WIDEN THE PERIMETER BARRICADE ALL BRANCHING ROADS


SFX: FWOOSH
BOSS !!
A BLACK MEDEA ...?
NO WAY !!
SFX RUMBLE RUMBLE
SFX: SCREECH

SFX
CLACK
WELL NOW, IF IT ISN'T GOOD OL MENGY
MISS ME~!?
TITANS...!
I DON'T REMEMBER CALLING YOU LOT OUT HERE!
HOW RUDE, ASKING "WHY~" TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, RIGHT~? AN INVESTIGATION~
WHY ARE YOU HERE?
WOW~ YA EVEN PREPARED THE PLACE FOR MY ARRIVAL GOOD JOB, GOOD JOB

I MAY STILL BE A "CAPTAIN" BUT TITANS ARE TREATED TWO RANKS HIGHER DID YOU FORGET THAT NOW?
HUUH?
DID I JUST HEAR THE COMMON RABBLE BELITTLE US!?
WHY?
THEM ZEONS, RIGHT?
AND ALL THAT TERRORISM, RIGHT?
WHY, I SAID
UNLIKE ALL THEM COCKROACHES CRAWLING ON THE GROUND, WE'RE PART OF THE MAIN FORCES
BUT... I'M OBLIGATED TO
AND YOU'RE NOT EVEN PUTTING UP A FIGHT?!
CUT ME SOME SLACK...
THE INVESTIGATION FILES IF YOU PLEASE
MUCH THANKS
THAT'S OUR JOB, EH? THINGS~ LIKE~ THAT~

SFX: FWAP
OH, NO, NO, NO, NO, NOT YET
DON'T TELL ME YOU'LL ATTACK MONTE BOLETTO?
NOT UNTIL THE TIME IS RIPE
OUI
LET'S GO
SO IT REALLY IS THE MERRY GROUP IN THE MOUNTAINS
WHAT NO-W? EVENTUALLY, WE'LL JUST EXTERMINATE THEM ALL ANYWAY
DON'T EVEN THINK OF PROVOKING THEM!
DON'T YOU KNOW? IF YOU STAND WATCH, EVENTUALLY, THE CULPRIT WILL COME SKIPPING BY
YOU BOYS WERE FEARED AS THE "K TAN ." UNIT, BUT CAN YOUR "BLADE" EVEN CUT BUTTER NOW?
WHATSAMATTER? YOU BOYS GOT COLD FEET?
AAAA AH?

SFX
VWOOO
AAH...
SO IT'S GOTTA BE LIKE THIS, EH
GET THE LEAD OUTTA YOUR BOOTS
AND CONTINUE THE INVESTIGATION!
WHY ARE WE PILOTS HELPING WITH FORENSICS ANYWAY?
CAN'T BE HELPED WHEN PERSONNEL IS LAID OFF THE WORK LOAD FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL INCREASES
BEFORE, WE WERE FEARED AS THE "DAGGER OF THE FEDERATION"
BUT EVER SINCE THEM TITANS STARTING STRUTTING THEIR STUFF AROUND, WE LOST OUR PRESTIGE...

HEY! THE BOSS CAN HEAR YOU!
...
IF ONLY THE COMMANDER FROM BEFORE, KANESADA TSURUGI, WAS STILL ALIVE...
WISH MY KATANA WAS AS SHARP AS HIS

I ONLY JUST TOOK OVER THE UNIT AND ALREADY SOMETHING THIS UNSIGHTLY HAPPENED.
MR. TSURUGI

OH, COME ON, EVERYONE'S DOING THEIR BEST, RIGHT?
IT'S TRUE, MY BOYS WORK HARDER THAN MOST
BUT THIS IS A BUSINESS WHERE HARD WORK ALONE DOESN'T CUT IT
HIS WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN, BUT JUST MAYBE, IF HE WAS HERE, HE CAN SET THIS UNIT UPRIGHT...
MR. TSURUGI WAS ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT HAVING HIS SON PICK UP AFTER HIM...

AH, OH, JUST LEMME-!!
I'M SORRY, I'M SORRY
AND I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU TO KICK HIM OUT
WHAT!!
VICE CHIEF!!
IN THE WOODS ON ROUTE C
WHERE?
FRANCIE'S SQUAD FOUND THE TRANSPORT! IT'S ABANDONED IN THE MOUNTAINS!
THE DRIVERS ARE MISSING!

HEH HEH... I'LL SHOW THOSE TITAN CRETINS WHAT FOR
MAYBE THEY SWITCHED VEHICLES ON ROUTE C, AND FLED TO THE CITY UNTIL THE SITUATION CALMS DOWN
IT'S NOT IN THE DIRECTION OF MONTE BOLETTO !?
MOVE OUT!!
YES SIR!!
THE EVEN-NUMBERED SQUADS ARE STAYING. WE'RE LINKING UP WITH FRANCIE'S UNIT!
INFORM THE OTHER PLATOONS ON GUARD DUTY!
SFX: WWOOOH
LET'S GO!
DON'T CUT CORNERS, YA!
FORENSICS IS AN IMPORTANT JOB TOO
YOU IDIOT! YOU WANNA LEAVE THIS PLACE UNATTENDED ?!
HUH? WE'RE STAYING BEHIND?

I JUST WANNA SHOOT THE BAD GUYS AND BECOME A HERO
A HERO
FORENSICS IS IMPORTANT TOO
SUCKS ASS, HAVING ALL THE WORK SHOVED MY WAY
AAAAH
I'M ALWAYS STUCK LIKE THIS
WHAT THE F-
HOW THE HELL'RE YA STILL HERE!
AH DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT
HEHEHE...
THE HELL'S SO FUNNY!?
SORRY SORRY
I JUST THOUGHT YOU'RE NICER THAN YOU LOOK
THIS MAN IN FRONT OF YOU WILL ONE DAY RISE THROUGH THE FEDERATION RANKS AND BE YOUR BOSS.
THE NAME'S BONCHAI YASKOVIC.
DON'T FORGET IT
CAN I ASK SOME-THING?
DON'T KNOW ME?
DAMN RIGHT

AND THERE WERE A BUNCH OF TREES TOPPLED OVER
ONLY HOVER EQUIPMENT LEAVES TRACKS LIKE THAT LIKE A WAPPA...
I SEE-- SO THAT MEANS IT CAN'T HAVE BEEN WAPPAS WITH HAND BAZOOKAS
OH, I JUST HAD A LOOK DOWN BELOW,
HUH? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
WHAT KIND OF VEHICLE WAS THE ARMORED CARRIER?
IT WAS A SECOND-HAND ARMORED VEHICLE FROM THE ARMY.
NICE! SO A GOVERNMENT CASINO CAN DO THAT, HUH!
OR AN MS-09
DOM...
CUT IT OUT ALREADY TIME TO GET OUTTA H--
HEY YOU
TAKE CARE-
WELL, I SHALL TAKE MY LEAVE NOW
AH REALLY --?
P PREPOSTEROUS THE BEST MAN SAID THEY DON'T HAVE MS, ONLY ARMORED VEHICLES

YAS
HMP
IT'S YASKOVIC

IT'S TIME TO BECOME A HERO

NEAR MONTE BOLETTO
TIME TO STEAL THE BEST'S PREY
HM-HM-HM
OUTSKIRTS OF MILANO
COME ON OUT NOW, ZEON REMNANT SCUM
HM-HM-HM
I WON'T LET THE TITANS TAKE ALL THE GLORY
CURRENT LOCATION SETTEMBRE BRIDGE
A NEARBY MOUNTAIN
HM-HM-HM

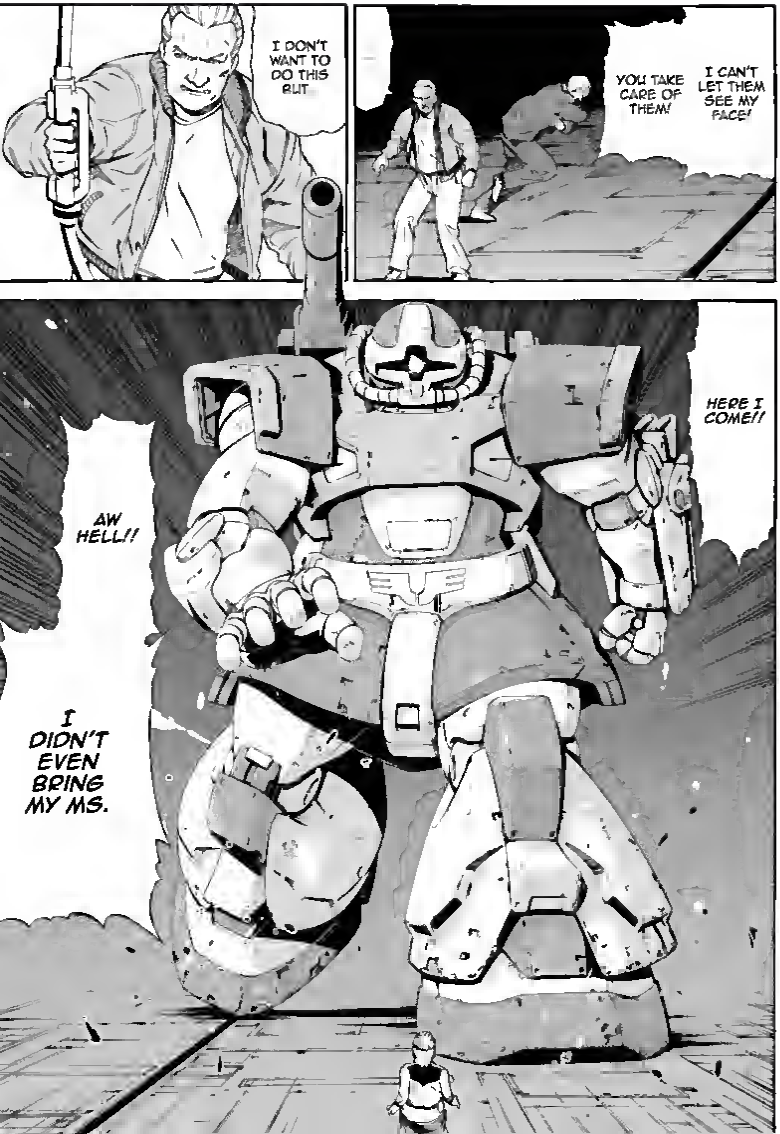
THE BSST IS COMPLETELY CLUELESS
I HIGHLY DOUBT ANYBODY KNOWS THERE'S THIS OLD-CENTURY FACTORY HIDDEN THIS CLOSE BY.
GOOD JOB 2ND LIEUTENANT
I WAS WORRIED TO DEATH YOU'D TAKE THE MONEY YOURSELF AND RUN.
WELL, YOU WOULDN'T GET THIS VACCINE HERE IF YOU DID.
I DID WHAT WAS PROMISED, FORMER CAPTAIN. HAND IT OVER.
OF COURSE.

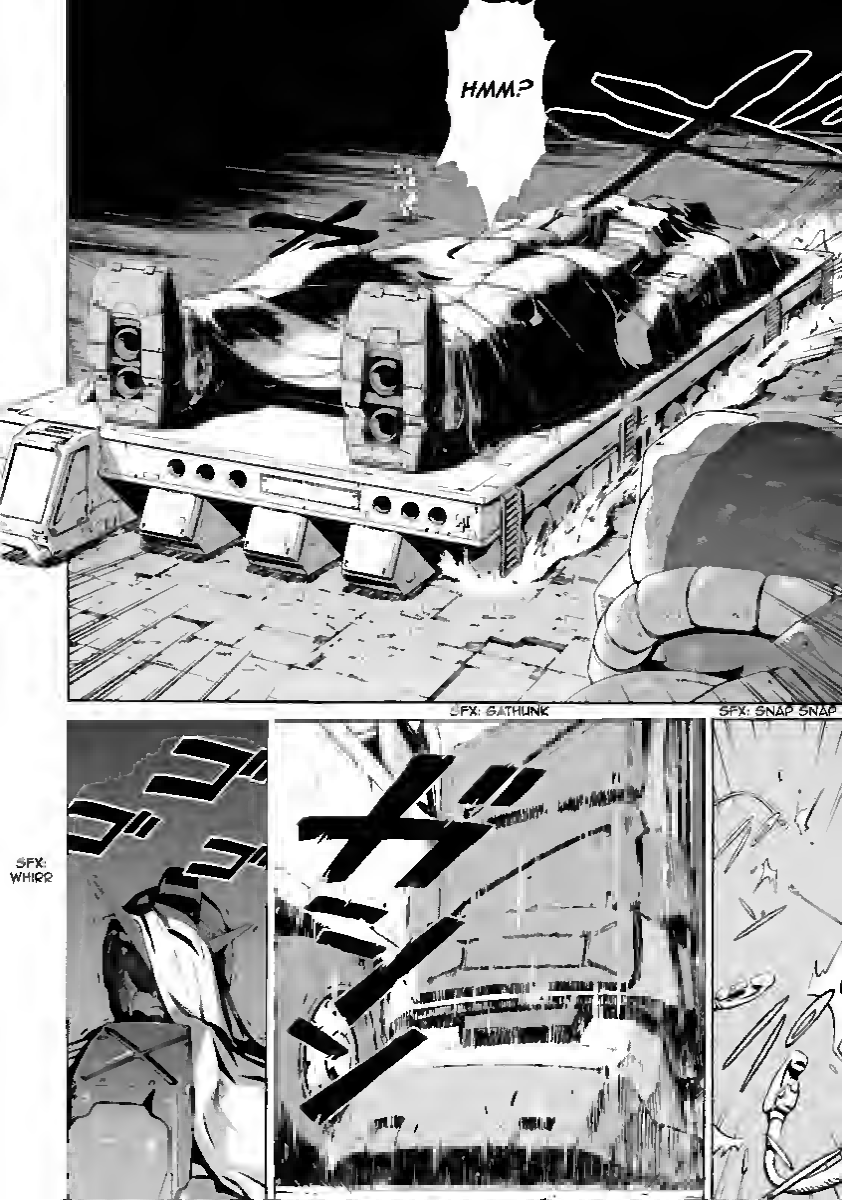
STILL...
I DOUBT THEY SUSPECT THAT AN MS ATTACKED THE ARMORED CARRIER
JUDGING BY THE HEIGHT OF THE BRIDGE, IT WAS A PERFECT POINT TO SNATCH AWAY THE VEHICLE WITH AN MS
ON TOP OF THAT...
I USED A CONNECTION FROM MY MILITARY DAYS TO PROCURE THIS MS. IT'S A PILE OF SCRAP...
MFF! MM!
BUT THE BEAUTY IS THAT IN THE UNLIKELY EVEN OF BEING SEEN, THEY'D ONLY SUSPECT IT AS A ZEON REMNANT HEIST.
UUGH...
STILL HAVEN'T DISPOSED OF THEM?

THAT WASN'T PART OF THE DEAL.
OH COME ON NOW.
KILL THEM.
THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN LEAVE THEM ALIVE.
SFX: STAND
MMMM
SO IT'S TRUE...
!!

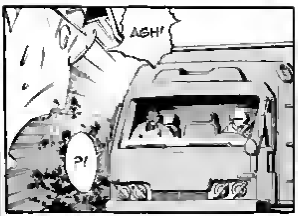
FOLLOW SIR VETCH, HE SAID...
AND...
WHO'S THERE!!
WHAT THE KID WAS SAYING IS TRUE
BBST!?
CAN'T BE...
HOW THE HELL DID HE KNOW?
YOU USED A DOM...
HUH?!
GENTLEMEN, YOUR SECRET IS OUT!!
SURRENDER PEACEFULLY

SFX FWAP


I DON'T WANT TO DO THIS BUT
I CAN'T LET THEM SEE MY FACE!
YOU TAKE CARE OF THEM!
HERE I COME!!
AW HELL!!
I DIDN'T EVEN BRING MY MS.


HMM?
SFX: GATHUNK
SFX: SNAP SNAP
SFX: WHIRR

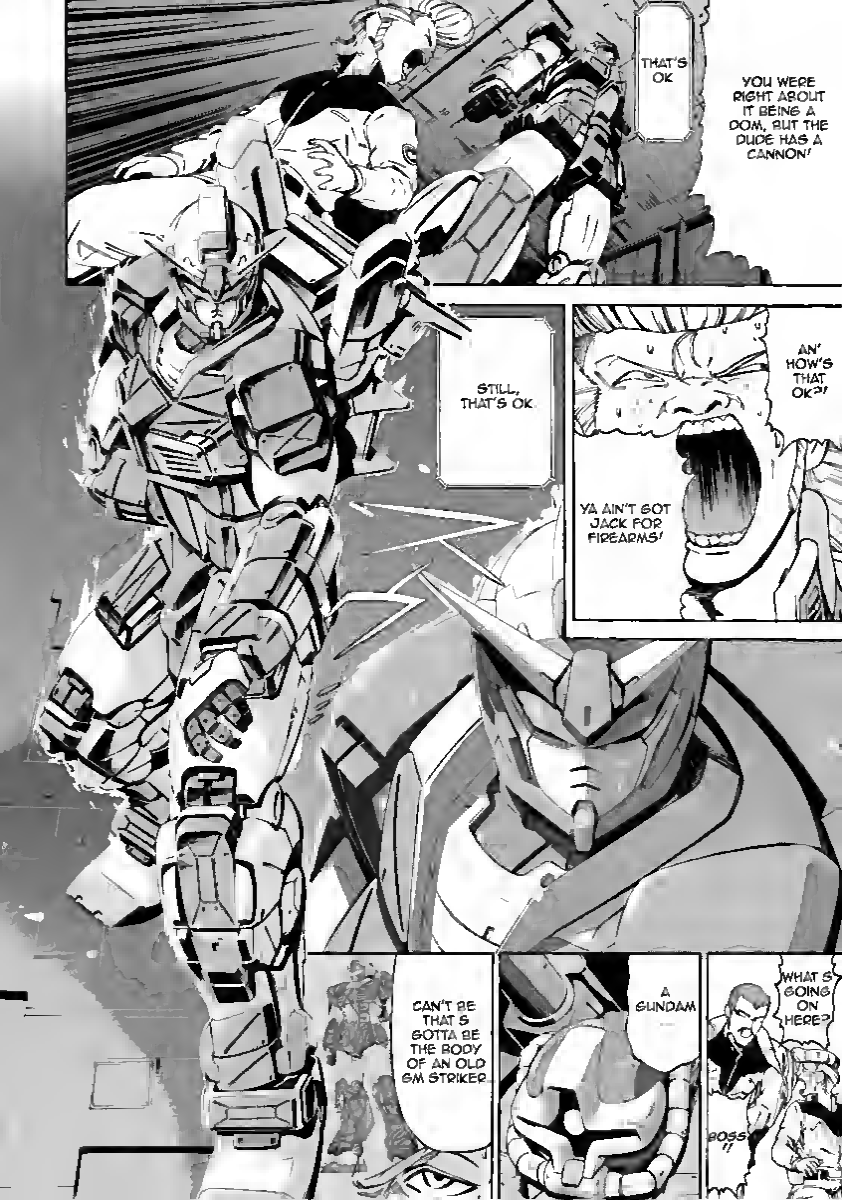
BOSS!
WHAT ?


AGH!
?!

DAMN

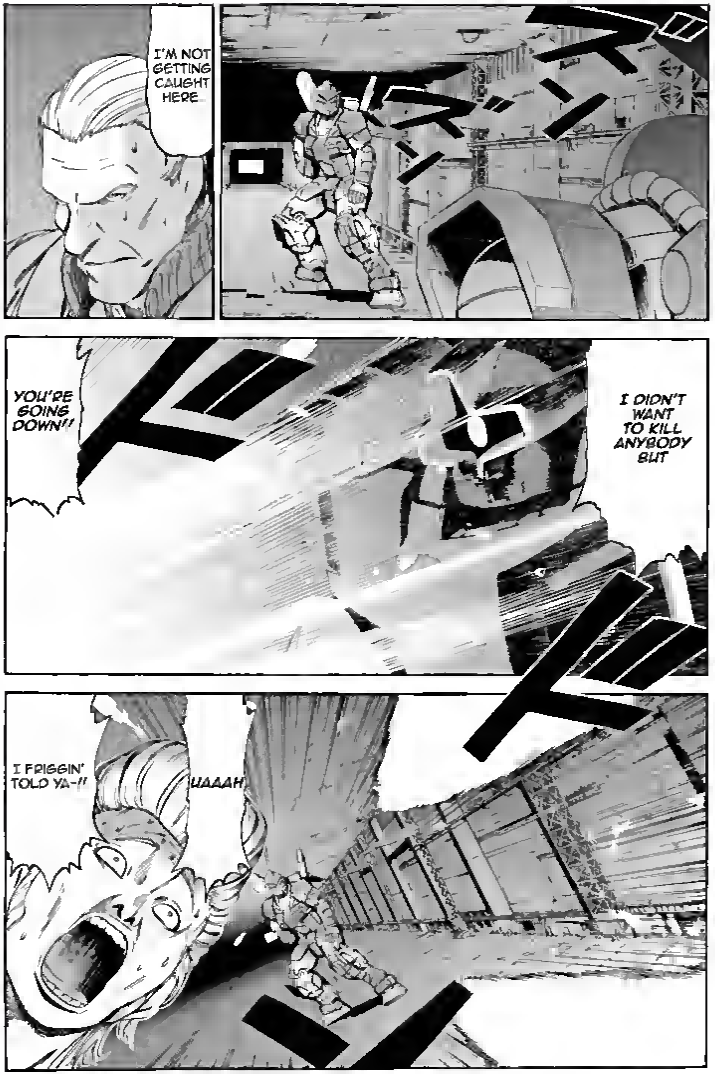
YOU SURE LOOK SHADY ~
UHM, WELL ...
WHY ARE YOU HERE? Y'S CALLED US OVER, BUT...

BEST SHALL TAKE JURISDICTION OF THIS CASE
BY THE EDGE OF THIS KATANA.
A GUNDAM?!


THAT'S OK
YOU WERE RIGHT ABOUT IT BEING A DOM, BUT THE DUDE HAS A CANNON!
STILL, THAT'S OK
AN' HOW'S THAT OK?!
YA AIN'T GOT JACK FOR FIREARMS!
CAN'T BE THAT'S GOTTA BE THE BODY OF AN OLD GM STRIKER
A GUNDAM
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
BOSS!!

THAT GUNDAM HEAD IS JUST FOR SHOW!
SFX: STEP
WHAT?!
SFX: POUNCE
SFX: GRAB
N,N, N,N, NO
CLEVER TRICK...
SFX: FWOOO

SFX GATH-WUMP
AAGH!!
SFX CRASH
GAH!!
HOW IS IT THIS POWERFUL ?!
WHA-


I'M NOT GETTING CAUGHT HERE
SFX: THUMP THUMP
YOU'RE GOING DOWN!!
I DIDN'T WANT TO KILL ANYBODY BUT
SFX BAM BAM
I FRIGGIN' TOLD YA-!!
UAAAH!

SFX: STEP STEP STEP
SFX: STEP
SFX: BOOM BOOM BOOM
SFX: BOOM
THAT'S
IMPOSSIBLE!
HOW CAN THE GUNDAM-HEAD MOVE LIKE THAT!?
IT CAN'T BE...
HE'S DODGING ALL THE ENEMY'S ATTACK BY A RAZOR THIN MARGIN

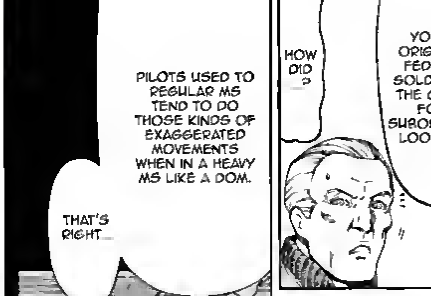
GUNDAM, HEAAAD!
SFX: JUMP
SFX: FWOO
SFX: GACLINK
WHA.
I'VE SEEN THAT BEFORE
THAT'S A TECHNIQUE FROM PAST GENERATIONS, A SECRET MOVE FROM IAIDO

"Invincible Lightning"
GUAAAAA
"THAT SILHOUETTE ITSELF...
AND SLICE THROUGH ANYTHING WITHIN REACH
DRAW YOUR KATANA WITH LIGHTNING SPEED

"IS AS AN UNSHEATHED KATANA."

SINCE THERE WAS AN INFORMANT ON THE INSIDE, I W S SONN QUESTION THE ASSOCIATED PEOPLE AND YOU WERE RIGHT THERE IN FRONT OF ME.
IT WAS QUITE EASY, REALLY.
HOW DID YOU KNOW IT WAS ME?
YEAH, THAT'S IT I WAS EXTREMELY LUCKY THAT THE FIRST PERSON I TALKED TO WAS THE CULPRIT
THAT'S IT?
AND THAT'S WHEN I HAD YAS FOLLOW YOU.
AND AS WE WERE TALKING, YOU PERKED UP AT THE WORD "DOM."
YOU...
AM I RIGHT?
MOST OF ALL, YOU WERE PROBABLY TRYING TO SQUEEZE OUT INSUR NCE MONEY AFTER STEALING THE FIRST BIG AMOUNT, ALL WHILE PLAYING THE VICTIM.
I CHECKED A FEW THINGS OUT AT THE CASE BEFORE COMING.
HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT?
AND THE FACT THAT THE FEDERATION-RUN CASINO, WHERE YOU WERE SET UP AFTER LEAVING THE ARMY, WAS ATTACKED WAS SUSPICIOUS ALREADY.
YOU WERE ORIGINALLY A FEDERATION GROUND FORCES CAPTAIN.

YOU WERE A GM PILOT, WEREN'T YOU?


PILOTS USED TO REGULAR MS TEND TO DO THOSE KINDS OF EXAGGERATED MOVEMENTS WHEN IN A HEAVY MS LIKE A DOM.
THAT'S RIGHT...
HOW DID...?
YOU WERE ORIGINALLY A FEDERATION SOLDIER... AND THE CAPTAIN'S FORMER SUBORDINATE, IT LOOKS LIKE?

WHY DID YOU DO IT?

MY SON IS VERY SICK...
BUT I WAS LAID OFF FROM THE MILITARY AND I COULDN'T AFFORD THE RIGHT MEDICINE...

H...HEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING!
YOU!
YEAH
AND THEN YOU WERE USED BY VETCH

I'LL TAKE THIS AND DELIVER IT TO YOUR SON PERSONALLY.
HUH...?
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
THAT'S EVIDENCE...
SO...
PLEASE REST EASY AND SERVE YOUR TIME
IT'LL BE ALRIGHT THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES SO YOU'LL PROBABLY GET OUT AFTER A YEAR AT MOST
THANK YOU.

THAT'S A SAD STORY, WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT.
EVEN A PILOT WHO FOUGHT FOR HIS COUNTRY WAS CAUGHT UP IN THE MASS LAYOFFS.
HE HAD TO PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE BY TAKING UP CRIME. THAT SUCKS.
QUIT WORRYIN' ABOUT OTHERS.
WE MIGHT GET FIRED AT ANY TIME TOO, Y'KNOW.
HOW THE HELL THEY GONNA FIRE AN ANTI-TERROR UNIT!?
YOU IDIOT! THE TITANS ARE ACTING ALL HIGH AND MIGHTY NOW.
IF THEY TAKE OVER THAT ROLE, THERE'S NO MORE USE FOR US.

BOY
JUST WHO ARE YOU?
UNCLE ?
IT'S BEEN A WHILE, UNCLE MENGEL.
I'M ITTOU.
HAH?
ITTOU
IMPOSSIBLE THE LATE COMMANDER, CAPTAIN TSURUGI KANESADA'S OWN SON
HEY ASSHOLE, WHO LET YOU TALK SO DISRESPECTFULLY TO OUR BOSS?
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU FORGOT ALREADY
IT'S ME

I'M COMMANDER ITTOU TSURUGI. I WAS GIVEN COMMAND OF THE BEST CORPS FROM HEREON

WHAA ~~~!!
I DON'T BLAME YOU
SORRY EVERY-ONE
I SAW FIRSTHAND HOW EVERYBODY WORKS
YOUR VOICE, EYES,
AND YOUR FACIAL FEATURES !!
THAT CAN'T WAIT, NO.
THE LAST TIME WE MET, I WAS STILL IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AFTER ALL.

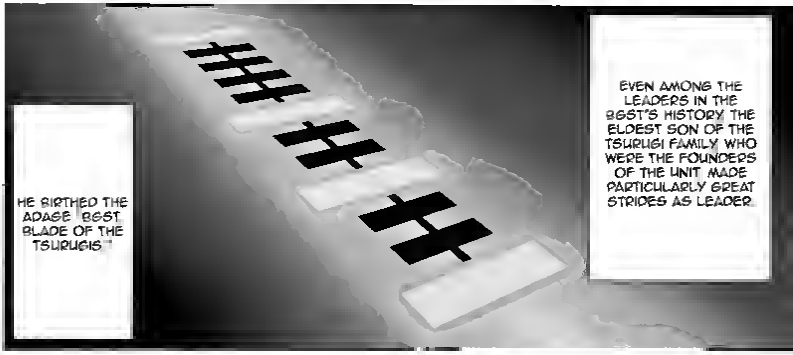
FIRST, I WILL SET THE BGST UPRIGHT,
AND THE SAME WAY, SET UPRIGHT
THE CORRUPT FEDERATION MILITARY.

SFX CAW CAW

TONIGHT, THE "GATE" WILL OPEN ONCE AGAIN
Chapter 2: Striker Custom Draws Only to Strike
THIS OPERATION IS CRUCIAL FOR AUGMENTING OUR BATTLE STRENGTH AND SUPPLIES.
THE OPERATION IS A GO.
SIR!!
I EXPECT GOOD THINGS FROM ALL OF YOU.

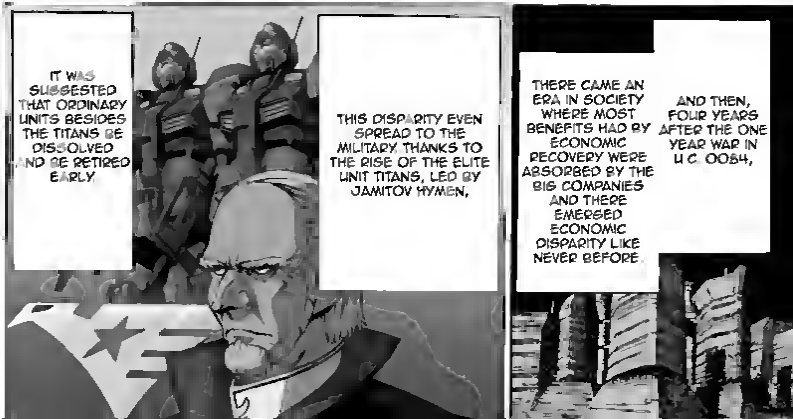
SINCE THE FOUNDATION OF THE EARTH FEDERATION, THE SPECIAL ANTI-SABOTAGE INVESTIGATIVE BRIGADE BEST WAS FEARED AS THE "DAGGER OF THE FEDERATION." THEY WERE FEARED AS NOT ONLY AN ANTI-TERROR UNIT,

BUT ALSO AS MILITARY POLICE, GUARDIANS OF THE LAW INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE ARMED FORCES.



EVEN AMONG THE LEADERS IN THE BEST'S HISTORY, THE ELDEST SON OF THE TSURUGI FAMILY WHO WERE THE FOUNDERS OF THE UNIT MADE PARTICULARLY GREAT STRIDES AS LEADER.

HE BIRTHED THE ADAGE "BEST BLADE OF THE TSURUGIS."



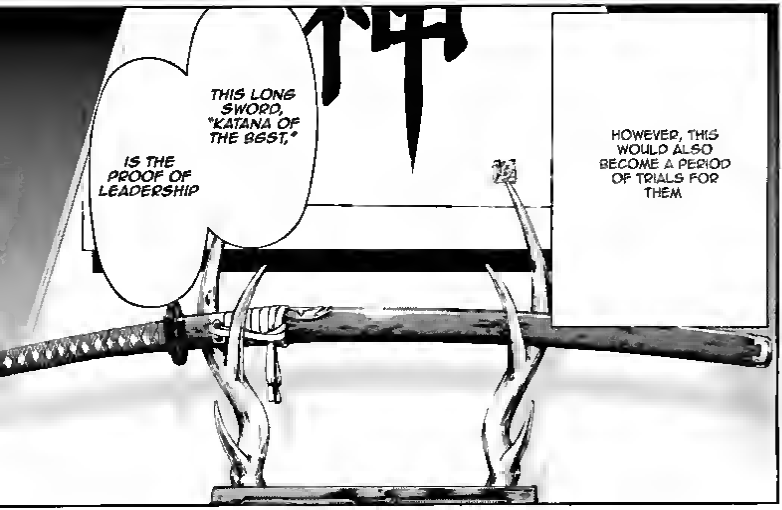
IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT ORDINARY UNITS BESIDES THE TITANS BE DISSOLVED AND BE RETIRED EARLY.

THIS DISPARITY EVEN SPREAD TO THE MILITARY. THANKS TO THE RISE OF THE ELITE UNIT TITANS, LED BY JAMITOV HYMEN.

THERE CAME AN ERA IN SOCIETY WHERE MOST BENEFITS HAD BY ECONOMIC RECOVERY WERE ABSORBED BY THE BIG COMPANIES AND THERE EMERGED ECONOMIC DISPARITY LIKE NEVER BEFORE.

AND THEN, FOUR YEARS AFTER THE ONE YEAR WAR IN U.C. 0084,

IN THE MIDST OF ALL THIS, DUE TO THE DEATH OF THE LATE COMMANDER, CAPTAIN KANESADA TSURUGI, THE BEST WAS WITHOUT LEADERSHIP THAT IS, UNTIL THE CAPTAIN'S SON, COMMANDER ITTOU TSURUGI, WAS DISPATCHED TO TAKE OVER AS LEADER.
IN LIEU OF THE JINX "BEST, SLIDE OF THE TSURUGIS," MANY WELCOMED THIS WITH JOY..


THIS LONG SWORD, "KATANA OF THE BEST," IS THE PROOF OF LEADERSHIP
HOWEVER, THIS WOULD ALSO BECOME A PERIOD OF TRIALS FOR THEM

AND THIS SHORT SWORD, PASSED THROUGH THE GENERATIONS OF MY FAMILY, IS WITNESS TO THE ELDEST SON OF THE TSURUGI FAMILY

WHEN THE TWO BLADES ARE REUNITED,
SFX: CLACK
THE HEAD OF THE TSURUGI FAMILY WILL ONCE AGAIN BECOME THE UNIT COMMANDER.
PAY RESPECT--!!
SFX: CLAP CLAP
CONGRATULATIONS, YOUNG SIR NOW THE BEST WILL BE REBORN
THANKS, VICE CHIEF!
EVERYONE! HEAR MY FIRST ORDER AS THE BEST LEADER!
OOOH

TODAY, I WILL RECOMMEND EVERYONE FOR LAYOFF.

IN THE NEXT MISSION, WE'LL DETERMINE WHAT PERSONNEL TO DISCHARGE
BUT EVEN I DON'T WANT TO LOST THE BEST.
SO I SUGGESTED PROLONGING THE UNIT'S SERVICE BY SLIMMING IT DOWN.
HUH---!?
YOU ALREADY KNOW THE ARMY'S DOWNSIZING IN THIS RECESSION.
AND EVEN THE BEST IS LISTED AS A CANDIDATE FOR LIQUIDATION.
...UH...

VICE-CHIEF, LET'S GO GREET THE BASE COMMANDER.
THAT IS ALL. DISMISSED.
UH...
EARLY RETIREMENT DRAFT
HERE'S THE WRITTEN NOTICE.
HEY!!
YOUNG SIR!!
報恩
GRATITUDE
GOT THAT RIGHT.
AIN'T HE TOO YOUNG TO BE A COMMANDER ANYHOW?
SPEAKING OF WHICH,
I DON'T CARE IF HE'S THE LATE COMMANDER'S SON, THIS IS BULLSHIT!
ALL THAT OUT OF THE BLUE...
THE HELL'S HE TRYIN' TO PULL!!

NO WAY IS HE WORTHY OF BEING COMMANDER!
THAT SACRED BLADE "KATANA OF THE BEST."
DURING THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY, THE DUDE DIDN'T DRAW THAT PROOF OF LEADERSHIP LONG SWORD.
A-LRIGHT
AT ANY RATE, THAT KATANA IS
LET'S GO ON A DATE BEFORE THAT HAPPENS!
MISS MERYLL~ AFTER A FEW DAYS, YOU MIGHT NOT EVER SEE US AGAIN
NEXT PLEA-SE
MP YAS?
PAWS OFF, PRICK!
NO, HOW ABOUT WITH ME
COMM-ANDER ITTOU, WELCOME TO THE MILANO BASE.
I'M THE BASE COMMANDER, FELLINI
YOU REALLY ARE AS YOUNG AS THE RUMORS HAVE YOU.

EVER SINCE OUR FOUNDATION, WE'VE HAD MILANO BASE AS OUR HOME BASE...
THAT'S BECAUSE BLOODLINE SUCCESSION IS LIKE A TRADITION IN THE BGST
CURRENTLY, THE ZEON REMNANTS ARE HIDING OUT IN MONTE BOLETTO
AH, LET'S GET RIGHT TO THE TASK
BUT OH BOY, DO I LIKE YOUR FURNISHINGS
AHEM!
WE AND MILANO BASE ARE LIKE A COUPLE IN A THREE-LEGGED RACE...
AND NOW, IT'S BECOME A FORTRESS OF SORTS.
AS YOU ALREADY KNOW, DUE TO THE PERPENDICULAR LANDSCAPE, IT'S AN IDEAL PLACE TO HIDE. THEY'VE BEEN HOLED UP THERE EVER SINCE THE WAR,
IT'S SOMETHING OF A GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT.
AND WHAT OF THE SIEGE?

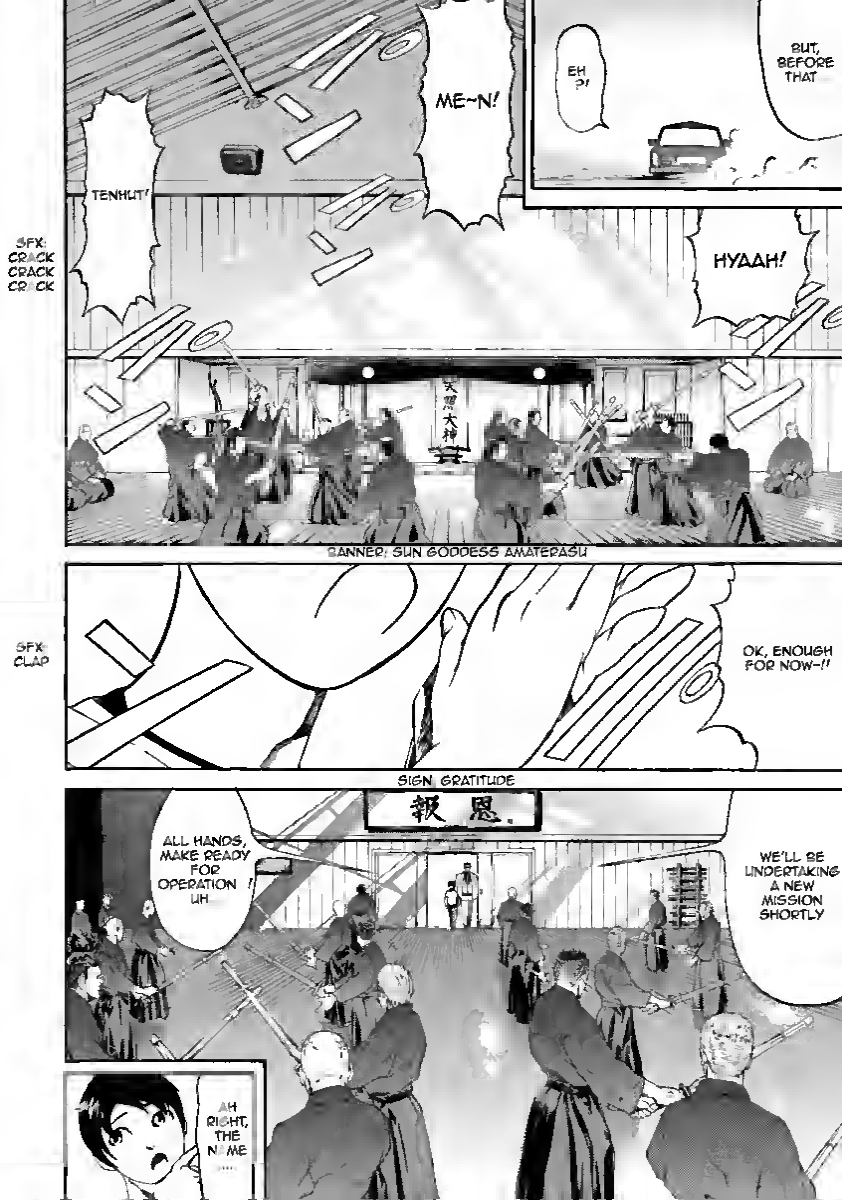
HOWEVER, MAYBE THEIR NERVES GOT THE BEST OF THEM, AND THEY STARTED SMALL-SCALE RAIDS
EVEN FOR ZEON, THEY'RE STAYING PRETTY QUIET SO WE DON'T REALLY WANT TO STIR THE HORNET NEST
AND THEY'RE AFTER THE MS PARTS IN THE JUNIOR MOBILE SUIT FACTORIES, RIGHT...?
TELL ME ABOUT THESE RAIDERS
I HEAR THEY'RE MORE POPULAR THAN ANAHEIM'S MODELS IN THE COLONIES
RECENTLY, THEY'RE KNOWN EVEN AS A BASE FOR COMPETITION UNITS.
IT'S JUST THAT IN ITALY, THERE ARE A LOT OF SPORTS-TYPE JR MS FROM THE LONG-STANDING COMPANIES FELLO AND DUKKHA.
OH NOT AT ALL
YOU'RE SHARP

AND SO WE DEPLOYED SENSORS AT THE BOTTOM OF LAKE COMO, BUT HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO CATCH THEM...
HMM...
SINCE WE ARE ATTACKED FROM THE RIVERSIDE OF THE DESERTED INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT LATE AT NIGHT, WE'VE ONLY ESTABLISHED THAT THEY RE AMPHIBIOUS
YES SIR!
VICE-CHIEF! GET ALL YOUR PAPERS IN ORDER!
FIRST, WE'RE GONNA CATCH THESE GUYS!
AND I'LL LOSE SHARES TO ANAHEIM WALKER INC BY THE TIME I'M ABLE TO REBUILD!
IT'S BEEN TWO TIMES ALREADY! TWO TIMES!
NOBODY HAS BEEN HURT BUT THE DAMAGE IS SEVERE.

YES.
I SEE, THERE'S AN OBSERVATION NETWORK EVERYWHERE...
THANKS FOR YOUR ASSIST-ANCE~
AH, NO, I'M THE VICE...
GET RID OF THESE ZEON REMNANT SCOUNDRELS, MR COMMANDER!
HUH?
ALSO, THE PRODUCTION LINE AT FELLO IS STILL GOING...
HM?
THE PREVIOUS ATTACKS HAPPENED EXACTLY DURING GUARD SHIFT CHANGES
DUKKHA WAS ATTACKED TWICE, FELLO ONCE
AT ANY RATE, THERE AREN'T ENOUGH OF US TO COMPLETELY SURROUND MONTE BOLETTO, SO THE BASE PERSONNEL ARE ASSISTING
OUR BEST HAS ITS OWN AREAS TO DEFEND...
MILANO BASE PERSONNEL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT AREA
THE AREA WHERE THE ENEMY IS SLIPPING THROUGH, ARE OUR BEST BOYS ON THAT DEFENSE ROSTER?

...
SFX: TAP TAP
NOW WHAT'S THE BOSS HIMSELF DOING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS--?
THOUGHT MY EYES DECEIVED ME, BUT IT REALLY IS MENGY--
TITANS CAPTAIN STONEFIELD. I MYSELF SHOULD ASK WHAT YOU'RE DOING ON OUR TURF!
BUT, I WENT THROUGH ALL THE RIGHT CHANNELS TO BE HERE, Y'KNOW?
I HEAR A LOT ABOUT SOME LOADS SLIPPING THROUGH YOUR DEFENSES AND SCREWING WITH THE NEARBY FACTORIES.
LOOKS LIKE THE NEBULANS DON'T GET PAID ANYWAY AND SLEEP ON DUTY, EH--
BU-T, WE'LL KEEP A CAREFUL EYE ON THINGS SO YOU CAN SLEEP EASY.
YOU

I'LL PAY YOU TO BREW MY COFFEE OR SOMETHING.
HEY BOY, YOU A NEW ORDERLY OR SOMETHING?
YOUR LAST COMMANDER MAY BE REMEMBERED AS THE MIGHTY "DIGGER OF THE FEDERATION," BUT WITHOUT HIM, YOU WEAKLINGS ARE A BUNCH OF NOBODIES.
THE REST IS A HUGE WASTE, IT HAS ABSOLUTELY NO FUTURE.
KEKEKEKE!
WHA
THAT MIGHT HAPPEN, ACTUALLY-
SFX: CLAP
AH! REALLY?
VICE-CHIEF! I FIGURED OUT THE CULPRIT BEHIND THIS INCIDENT
DON'T WORRY, DON'T WORRY
I CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT THIS BABY-FACE.
HOW DARE HE MAKE FUN OF YOU, YOUNG SIR!
NON-RESPONSIVE SENSORS... THE CULPRIT CAN ONLY BE...
A CHAIN OF ATTACKS ON FACTORIES BY THE ZEON REMNANTS,
HE HE HE ...
SO, WHO MIGHT IT...


TENHUI!
ME~N!
EH ?!
BUT, BEFORE THAT
HYAAH!
SFX: CRACK CRACK CR□CK
BANNER: SUN GODDESS AMATERASU
SFX: CLAP
OK, ENOUGH FOR NOW~!!
SIGN: GRATITUDE
報恩
ALL HANDS, MAKE READY FOR OPERATION ! UH
WE'LL BE UNDERTAKING A NEW MISSION SHORTLY
AH RIGHT, THE N□ME ....

THERE WILL BE ANOTHER ATTACK ON THE FELLO COMPANY TONIGHT.
YOU KNOW ABOUT THE RECENT ATTACKS ON THE JR. MOBILE SUIT FACTORIES, RIGHT?
HUH ...?
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO...
WHAA!?
OF COURSE
WE'LL CALL IT OPERATION "TO RIVER COMO WITH LOVE!! BEST SUPER LOVE OPERATION ♥" HOW'S THAT?
I'LL LET YOU MAKE UP A DETAILED PLAN, VICE CHIEF
UH...
MONTE ROLETTO
COMO RIVER
LAKE COMO
FELLO COMPANY
EVERYBODY WILL SPREAD OUT NEAR LAKE COMO AND WE'LL PREVENT THIS ATTACK
FIRST THE LAYOFFS, NOW THIS IDIOTIC AND VAGUE OPERATION!
QUIT BULL--SHITTING US!
I KNOW HOW MUCH EACH OF YOU LOVES THIS UNIT.
THIS OPERATION WILL BE A PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THE CURRENT STRENGTH OF THE BSST KNOWN TO THE WORLD.
HENCE THE OPERATION NAME, BSST SUPER LOVE OPERATION♥.
AWW MAN...
IF YOU DON'T DO IT, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE MISS MERYLL AT THE CAFETERIA ANYMORE.
I WOULD NEVER...
BUT

SFX: RUN RUN RUN
WATCH YOUR MOUTH YASKOVIC!
AH...
BOSS ...
MR KANEDA'S SON OR NOT, DON'T THINK WE'VE ACKNOWLEDGED AN ASS LIKE YOU AS COMMANDER!
ER- I MEAN,
SFX: GRAB
I'LL TRY TO DRAW THIS, IF YOU CAN.
I'M SURE YOU ALREADY KNOW THAT EVERYONE RESPECTS IT AS THE LEGENDARY "PROOF OF LEADERSHIP".
THIS IS "THE KATANA OF THE BEST"

"THE KATANA OF THE BEST" IS CALLED A HOLY BLADE...
NOBODY, NO MATTER HOW STRONG, CAN DRAW IT BESIDES THE COMMANDER. THAT'S WHY,

SFX: GRIP

SFX: GULP

LET THIS BE DECIDED HERE, ONCE AND FOR WHILE!

YES!
MY DAD, BOSS.
BUT IF THIS GUY'S REALLY THE COMMANDER'S VESSEL, HE SHOULD BE ABLE TO DRAW IT.

WOW~ IT'S STUCK REAL GOOD...
HUUH~~
NN~~~!
NN~~~!
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SEE THAT?! YOU'RE NO COMMANDER, YOU'RE NOTHING!!
NO YOUNG SIR...

GET TO WORK!
THIS LITTLE FORCE MEANS NOTHING!
AND YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE THE TSURUGI FAMILY'S HEIR?!
DON'T MAKE FUN OF US!!
DOES IT REALLY MATTER IF I CAN'T DRAW IT?
ALL OF YOU, SILENCE!!

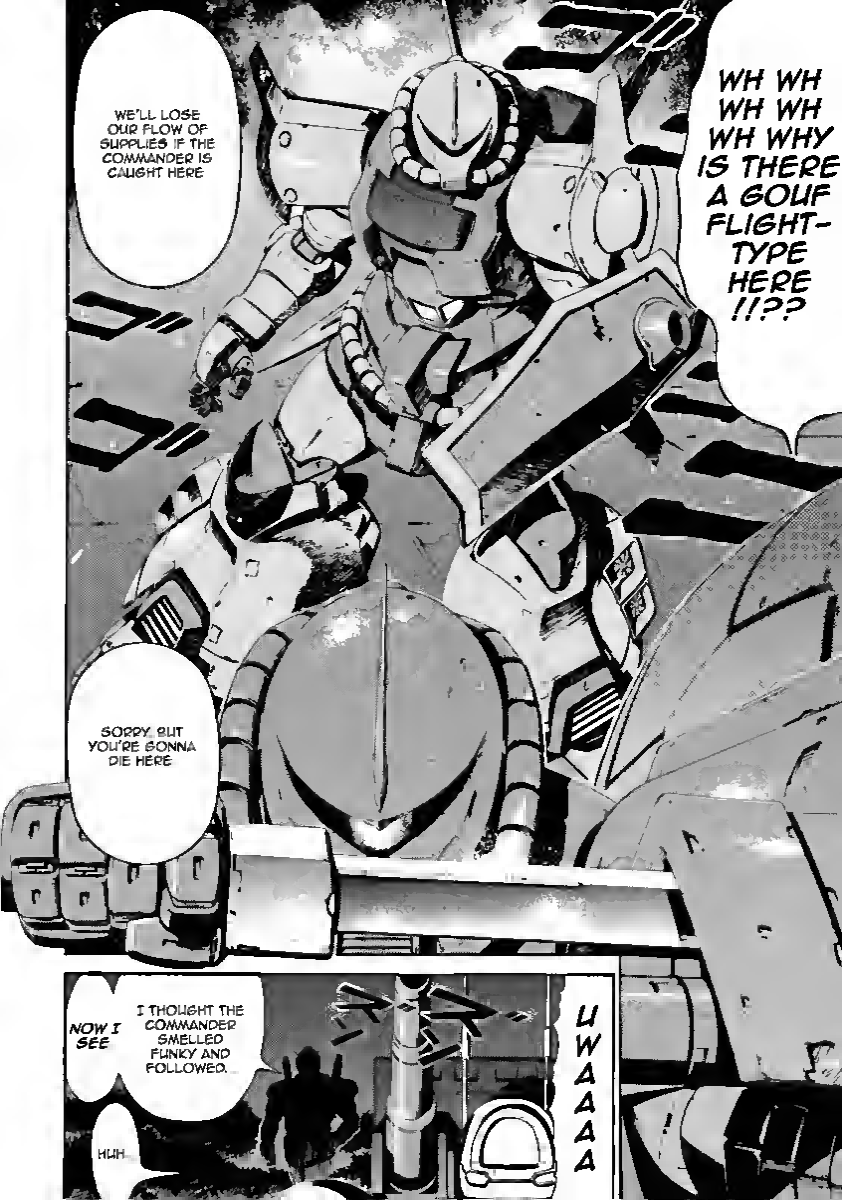
BGST, MOVE OUT!!
BRING OUT THE MS!!
BUT MAN~~, IT JUST WON'T BUDGE...
SFX: MUMBLING
EVEN THE BOSS HAS GOT A HEADACHE
STILL, WHAT A STUPID OPERATION
IS HE SERIOUS?
AND FOR MY LOVE, THERE'S ONLY YOU, MERYLL!
YEAH, HONESTLY! THE NEW COMMANDER SAID "TAKE LOVE TO RIVER COMO"...
HUH? WHO, ME?
"TO RIVER COMO WITH LOVE..."
AH!

UP AHEAD ON THE HILL NEXT TO THE RIVER COMO, THERE'S A CHECKPOINT BASE ABANDONED BY OUR GUYS DURING THE WAR
WE'LL HAVE A GOOD VIEW THERE AND WE CAN HAVE OURSELVES A NICE PICNIC
SFX RATTLE RATTLE
JUST DO THIS FOR ME...!
PLEASE! MY JOB DEPENDS ON THIS NEXT MISSION!
...
EH? UM, OK
WE'RE HERE. LET'S EAT
YOU DID ME GOOD, NEW COMMANDER GUY
HEHEHE... I DUNNO WHAT THE HELL'S UP WITH THIS OPERATION, BUT I NEVER THOUGHT THIS CHANCE WOULD COME
BUT I DON'T THINK HE'D TAKE OUT AN MS FOR A JOKE...
IS THIS REALLY A MISSION ?
MERYLL

Y...YOU WANT A POCKY STICK?
WHAAA
...!!
WHAT'RE YOU-! Y-S!
C, COME NOW, IT'S DELICIOUS
WHERE THE HELL ARE YOU, YOU LAZY SHIT!!
AND WHY IS MERYLL THERE?
HUH? BRO! I CAME TO THE RIVER WITH LOVE, AS ORDERED...
YOU DUMBASS!
SFX: TREMBLING
WERE YOU EVEN LISTENING WHEN THE BOSS TOLD YOU YOUR DESIGNATED SPOT?!
HE MEANT BY MEANS OF LOVE! WHO THE HELL TOLD YOU TO BRING A LOVE TO THE BATTLEFIELD?!
THAT'S
SET YOUR ASS THERE ON THE DOUBLE!
AH... GOT IT!
HM?
COMM-ANDER FELLIN!
?
AND THERE ARE OTHER BIGWIGS FROM THE MILANO BASE
YOUR DESTINATION IS UPSTREAM ACROSS FROM THE FELLO COMPANY!
SFX: CAW CAW

TONIGHT IS THE LAST OF THE ATTACKS CORRECT?
YOU'VE DONE WELL SO FAR, LIEUTENANT JR. G. GÖTTER.
NOT AT ALL
IT'S A SIMPLE TASK
YOU PERIODICALLY OPEN UP YOUR SIEGE NET AND WE SLIP THROUGH THE "HOLE" DOWN THE RIVER AND ATTACK THE FACTORY
SFX: BOOM BOOM
SPEAKING OF WHICH, WHAT OF THIS NEW BEST COMMANDER?
HMM, NOTHING MORE THAN A BRAT
OH, IT HAS STARTED ALREADY.
AND YOU FUNNEL US EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS IN RETURN
HM?

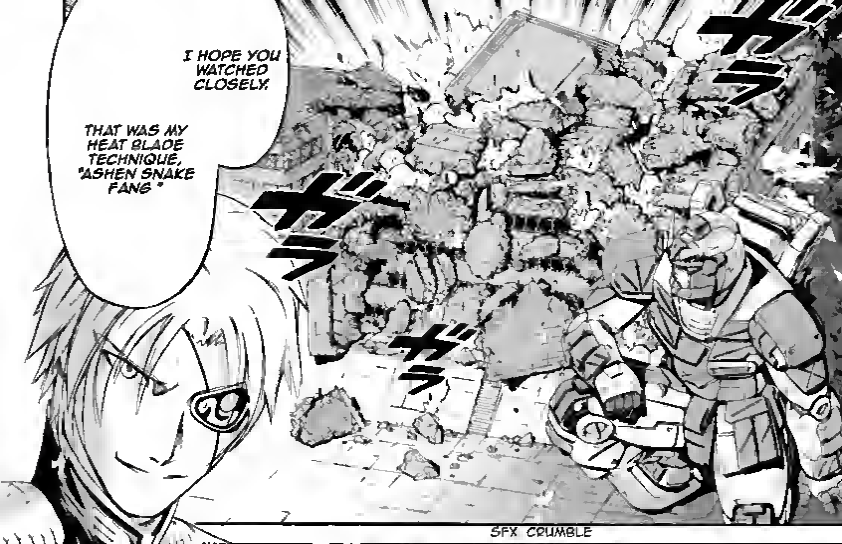
A... A BEST GUNTANK?!
AH! COMMANDER!!
WHAT DO WE...
G...GOOD EVENING SIRS.
WHAT'S GOING ON! YOU BACK-STABBED ME!
N, NO, I DION'T!
AT ANY RATE, SEEMS LIKE YOU SCREWED UP, COMMANDER.
LEAVE IT TO ME, THIS IS A CHANCE OPPORTUNITY.
THIS TIME AROUND, YOU'LL BE THE ONE OWING US.
LT JG GOTTER...
SIR!!
EVERYONE ELSE, STAND YOUR GROUND!
HUH? IS THAT ZEON?
UHM..... COMMANDER— WHY'RE YOU TOGETHER WITH ZEON SOLDIERS?
THIS IS...
MOREOVER...


WH WH WH WH WH WHY IS THERE A GOUF FLIGHT-TYPE HERE !!??
WE'LL LOSE OUR FLOW OF SUPPLIES IF THE COMMANDER IS CAUGHT HERE
SORRY, BUT YOU'RE GONNA DIE HERE
UWAAAA
I THOUGHT THE COMMANDER SMELLED FUNKY AND FOLLOWED.
NOW I SEE
HUH

EVEN I DIDN'T EXPECT THAT.
EXCLUDING BEST, EVERYBODY AT THE MILANO BASE, INCLUDING THE COMMANDER, WAS IN ON IT.
A GUNDAM!!
YOUNG SIR!?
I DIDN'T ELABORATE ON THE OPERATION AND LEFT IT TO THE VICE-CHIEF. THANKS TO THAT, YOU FELT SAFE ENOUGH TO COME MEET THE CULPRITS.
PLUS, THIS SMALL BASE IS UNDER MILANO BASE'S JURISDICTION.
IT IS A PRIME LOCATION TO MEET THE ENEMY WITH THE REST OF THE BASE IN ON IT.
THOUGH I NEVER EXPECTED YA'LL TO STUMBLE INTO THIS PLACE
BAH! KILL HIM TOO!!

BGST SHALL TAKE JURISDICTION OF THIS CASE
BY THE EDGE OF THIS KATANA.
HM HM... BOY, YOU MAY LOOK LIKE A GUNDAM AT FIRST, BUT YOU'RE A GM STRIKER FROM THE NECK DOWN
GUNDAM HEAD.
LUCK HAS SMILED UPON ME TODAY AS WELL, SENDING A GUNDAM MY WAY...

"ASHEN SNAKE FANG"
I'LL TAKE THAT HEAD BACK WITH ME AND GLORIFY THE NAME OF GÖTTER!
SFX: STEP
SFX: CRACK
SFX: ROLL ROLL


I HOPE YOU WATCHED CLOSELY.
THAT WAS MY HEAT BLADE TECHNIQUE, "ASHEN SNAKE FANG."
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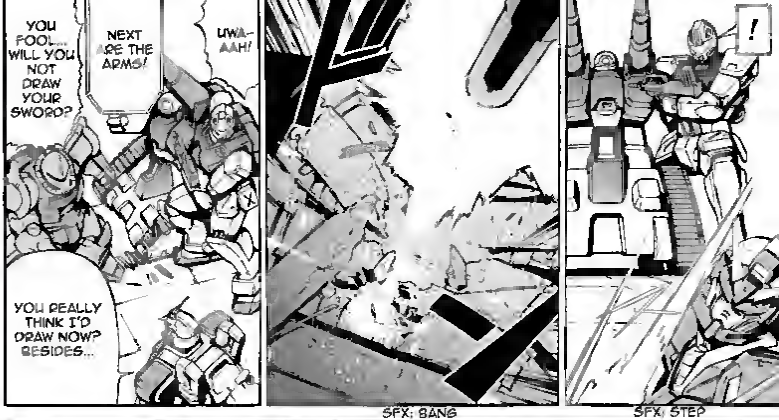
SFX: CRUMBLE

GUNDAM HEAD!
HM...?
CAN'T BE BOTHERED TO REMEMBER SOMEONE'S NAME?
NO POINT TO A FANCY TECHNIQUE IF IT DOESN'T HIT ME,
MR. RATTLESNAKE

WA, WAH!!
JUMP AROUND ANY MORE AND WE'LL SHOOT OFF THIS GUY'S LIMBS
!
DON'T MOVE! GUNDAM HEAD!!

YOUNG SIR~~~!! HELP US~~~
COVERING HIS OWN ASS... THAT IS WHY THE FEDERATION IS...
THE GUNDAM HEAD WILL BE DEFEATED BY A ZEON MS AND NO EVIDENCE WILL REMAIN.
GO AHEAD.
NOW THEN, HERE I COME!
DRAW YOUR SWORD!!
TAKE YOUR OWN RESPONSIBILITY FOR BECOMING A HOSTAGE, OF ALL THINGS
WHAT, NOO-OOO.
I...I'LL REALLY SHOOT!
WHA
HUH?
HE'S THE FIRST PICK FOR LAYOFF ANYWAY.


YOU FOOL... WILL YOU NOT DRAW YOUR SWORD?
NEXT ARE THE ARMS!
UWA-AAH!
YOU REALLY THINK I'D DRAW NOW? BESIDES...
SFX: BANG
!
SFX: STEP

I WOULD ONLY DRAW WHEN I WISH TO CUT SOMETHING.

SFX BANG
SPARE ME. ARE YOU SAYING I'M NOT WORTH CUTTING?
CRAP~ AM I REALLY GONNA DIE HERE!?
NEXT IS THE HEAD!
I'M SURE IT WAS THE LAST REST COMMANDER THAT
THOSE WORDS

OOH!
JUST KILL ME ALREADY!
GOD DAMMIT! I'D RATHER DIE THAN BE A HOSTAGE LIKE THIS!
SFX: POW
NN-!
GOT IT. OK. I WON'T MOVE THEN
I DON'T CARE! MOVE AGAIN AND HIS HEAD IS GONE!
I DIDN'T DODGE THIS TIME I ONLY PARRIED HIS ATTACK
YOU-
PHEW
UOH
ASHEN SERPENT GÖTTER
YOUNG SIR—!!
HUH?

I'M NOT MOVING FROM THIS SPOT.
STRIKE ME DOWN AND GLORIFY YOUR NAME.
WHAT?!
AREN'T YOU AFTER MY HEAD, MR. RATTLESNAKE?
JUST WHAT IS HE THINKING?
AH
NO... IS THAT THE LATE COMMANDER'S ...
HOW MUCH LONGER MUST YOU MOCK ME...

ENOUGH WITH THE GAMES!
NO DOUBT, THAT'S...
THE LATE BGST COMM-ANDER'S SECRET MOVE...
SFX: OSHEW

SFX SLICE
AWAKENED CUT
開眼斬

NOW!
TIME TO SCRAM!!
BINGO!
UWAH!!
NOT BAD, IF I SAY SO MYSELF ♥
PULL DAMN' OUT, YOU FOOLS!!
MR KANESADA
AGH!
HUH?
WE'RE GONNA ROUND THEM ALL UP LATER ANYWAY.
AH WHATEVER
THE ZEON SOBS ARE RUNNING

DAMN!!
WE CAN'T LET YOU LEAVE AT THIS RATE!
SFX GACLACK
WE'RE CONCEALING THE EVIDENCE SHOOT 'EM BOTH FULL 'O HOLES!!
ROGER!!
GAH~~~~~
YOUNG SIR!?
B...BEST!?
NGA!!
COMMANDER, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
OH I
YOUNG SIR--- JUST WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?
THE HELL ARE YOU DOING, POINTING A GUN AT THE YOUNG SIR?!
WE RUSHED HERE AFTER WE SAW THE EXPLOSIONS

YOU'RE PRETTY GOOD, VICE-CHIEF!
OH NO, IT'S BECAUSE YOU WERE HINTING AT LAKE COMO, YOUNG SIR.
SO THAT'S WHAT THAT EXPLOSION WAS...
OOH!!
WE'VE SUPPRESSED THE ENEMIES COMING DOWN THE COMO RIVER.
IT SEEMS THAT THE SENSORS AT THE RIVER BOTTOM DIDN'T WORK BECAUSE THE ENEMY WAS IN GOUF FLIGHT TYPES.
HOW DID YOU KNOW THEY'D PASS IN THAT DIRECTION?
IT WAS EASY.
TAKE A LOOK AT THIS SHIFT ROSTER.
THE ATTACKS ALWAYS CAME FROM LAKE COMO DURING THE MILANO BASE PERSONNEL'S SHIFTS
AND BEFORE THAT, ALL THE EXTRAVAGANT ORNAMENTS AND THE ANAHEIM WALKER INC CERTIFICATE OF GRATITUDE IN THE COMMANDER'S ROOM WERE VERY SUSPICIOUS
ANAHEIM WALKER INC. WAS LOOKING TO EXPAND ON EARTH, AND THEY ASKED HIM TO ELIMINATE THE FELLO AND DUKKHA COMPANIES.
THUS, HE THOUGHT OF THE PLAN TO MAKE IT LOOK LIKE IT WAS ZEON'S DOING.
AND THEIR NEXT SHIFT WAS TONIGHT.
...
AM I RIGHT?

MAKE NO MISTAKE, WE WILL EXPEL ZEON, WHO'VE UNJUSTLY OCCUPIED OUR FEDERATION LAND
HOWEVER, TRAITORS WHO USE THOSE VERY ENEMIES TO SATISFY THEIR PERSONAL GREED,
THOSE ARE THE TRUE ENEMIES ENEMIES WHO WILL BE STRUCK DOWN BY THE BEST
REMEMBER THAT
I RUSHED HERE TO SEE WHAT ALL THE FUSS WAS ABOUT...
OH BOY OH BOY~~~
PUT OUT AN IMMEDIATE SEARCH WARRANT FOR THE COMPANY ANAHEIM WALKER
YES SIR!

THIS IS EXACTLY WHY A SPECIALLY CHOSEN GROUP LIKE US TITANS ARE NECESSARY
DON'T YOU GET IT?
STONE-FIELD
YOU REGULARS ARE QUITE SCARY
AND I FIND MOST OF MILANO BASE FRATERNIZING WITH THE ENEMY
YOU SCUM WOULD BETRAY US OVER THE MOST TRIVIAL THINGS
THAT'S WHY YOU REGULARS ARE DESTINED FOR LAYOFF
AND HE'S NOT WRONG. FEDERATION INTERNAL AFFAIRS ARE A MESS RIGHT NOW.
LET'S GO

GOOD JUDGEMENT, BATTLE-READINESS, A PRECISE FORMATION WITH THESE, YOU PREVENTED THE ATTACK.
BUT YOU EXCELLED IN MANY OTHER POINTS
ALSO, IT'S QUITE DISAPPOINTING THAT YOU WERE BLIND TO THE CRIMES OF YOUR BRETHREN, WITH WHOM YOU SHARED BUNKS
ALSO, THE GUTS TO STAND AGAINST THE CULPRIT'S THREATS.
SFX CLICK
THAT'S... THE RETIREMENT NOTICE
THERE-FORE...
SFX FLAP
N... NO WAY
A AH...

EVERYONE PASSES.
EARLY RETIREM
EVERYBODY IN THE BGST IS HERE TO STAY!
SFX SLICE
HE DREW THE BLADE !?

"YEAAAH"
ALRIGHT, LET'S GET OUTTA HERE!!
THE BEST IS RESURRECTED ....!
DON'T BE SO IMPERTINENT, YAS!
YOUNG SIR! I'LL FOLLOW YOU FOREVER!
WOAH YOU DREW THE "BIGGHEST KATANA!"
BUT BEFORE THAT, I WANTED TO DRAW THE KATANA IN EVERYONE'S SOUL.
ACTUALLY, DRAWING THE KATANA IS REALLY EASY

SOMETHING ABOUT THE COMMANDER'S MAGIC PASSING THROUGH THE GENERATIONS...
UHM... I HEARD THAT ONLY THE COMMANDER CAN DRAW THE KATANA...
YOUNG SIR....
WHAA
HAHAHA, IT'S NOTHING LIKE THAT.
IT'S REALLY A SIMPLE TRICK MEANT TO PUT ON A PERFORMANCE DURING THE INAUGURATION. THE SECRET TO IT IS ONLY PASSED DOWN TO THE NEXT COMMANDER
IT'S DESIGNED TO UNLOCK AND BE DRAWN LIKE ANY OTHER SWORD WITH JUST A LITTLE TWIST
CALL IT IN!
THERE HE IS!
IT'S A SECRET! KEEP THAT A SECRET!
WHAA ~~~
...UH...

SO THEY'RE UNDER NEW LEADER-SHIP...
SO THE SNAKE WAS RAVAGED BY THE DOG-BEAST.
HIS UNIT APPEARS DAMAGED.
LT. JR. GR. BÖTTER IS ON HIS WAY BACK!
HMPH ...
YOU TAKE HIM ON NEXT TIME AROUND.
DEADLY GREEN SPIDER.